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Dr. Joshua Lederberg President Rockerfeller University 1230 York Avenue New York, NY 10021

Dear Joshua:

Mike Sovern has referred your letter about the "fly room" in Schermerhorn Hall to me. I think it would be an excellent idea to commemorate the accomplishments of Thomas Hunt Morgan and his associates with a plaque on the wall adjacent to the room. If past experience is any guide, a showcase is likely to fall into neglect after the initial burst of enthusiasm wears off. For this reason, we do not have showcases that are used for displays, as opposed to departmental and other administrative notices, outside of our libraries. I would suggest instead a more permanent exhibit in which laminated photographs are mounted on the wall and covered with plexiglass.

We have to go through a rather complicated process before we can put anything up. Our University Senate's Committee on Honors and Prizes must approve it first. Then, it needs to be presented to the Trustees' Committee on Buildings and Grounds, Executive Committee, and finally, the full Trustees. I will ask Stephen Rittenberg, my Associate Provost, to work with you and the members of the Biological Sciences Department to develop a proposal and see it through the intricacies of our administrative system. I appreciate your offer to ask the Genetics Society of America to pay for the plaque and display, but I am sure that we can find the money for so worthy a purpose.

Sincerely,

Robert F. Goldberger, M.D. Provost

delighted.